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Dr. W. W. Hamilton of Lynchburg, Va., while attending the Convention at Hot Springs, had \$500 added to his salary.

Rev. J. D. Franks formerly pastor at Durant and at Ripley has accepted the care of the church at Pineville, La.

The Sunday School Normal was held this week at Biloxi. The church is making fine progress under the pastorate of S. P. Poag and is now needing a larger house.

In the work of dealing with the lost you will get help from such little manuals as Fisherman's Tackle and Bait or Handbook for Christian Workers. Send 25c to Baptist Record.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell resigns as Mission Secretary in Texas and goes to the Seminary at Ft. Worth. He has wished to do this before, and we judge the decision this time is final. The resignation is accepted effective Sept. 1.

Missionary J. G. Chastain and his daughter, Miss Effie, now at work in Cuba, hope to reach Blue Mountain by July 1 and be there for the encampment. They anticipate much pleasure in shaking hands with many dear friends.

Rev. T. L. Holcomb assisted his father in a meeting at Lumberton eight days. Mr. R. L. Cooper of Aberdeen led the music. There were 36 joined the church, making 52 in the past six months. The Baptist outlook is bright.

Bro. W. Y. Quisenberry goes back for two months to raise money for Fork Union Academy in Virginia. It is a safe guess though that whatever his text his sermon will be on Foreign Missions, and to this he will return later.

Dr. B. H. Dement paid the office a visit on his way back from the W. M. U. Convention at New Albany. He said the ladies treated him royally and promised to do a substantial part by the New Orleans Bible Institute of which he is president.

Evangelist T. O. Reese and Singer P. S. Rowland of the Home Board who are to begin a revival with Dr. O. P. Bentley, Durant, Miss., June 16, recently closed a meeting at Phoenix City, Ala., in which about 70 united with the First Baptist Church.

The Yalobusha Baptist Workers Conference meets at Holcomb June 29-30. The following names on the program guarantee a helpful meeting: O. U. Sullivan, J. B. Quin, J. E. Williams, T. T. Gooch, J. R. G. Hewett, J. D. Rice, R. B. Gunter and J. P. Neel.

Mrs. W. H. Morgan writes that she has received from the War Department information that her husband, Chaplain W. H. Morgan, has arrived safely over seas. Many will pray that he may fill a great field of usefulness and return safely to his family and work on this side.

The 28th (Friday) is war saving stamp day. It is an honor to have a share in it. It is almost a dishonor not to have a part in it. Beside all this it is the safest investment on earth and bears a good interest rate, making four percent, compounded quarterly. Every idle dollar ought to be set to work in this way to make the world a decent place to live in. Go your full length.

## ONE YEAR FOR \$1.50.

For several years we have given the Baptist Record to new converts at a reduced rate. For the months of July and August this year we will give the paper to all new subscribers secured by the pastor or evangelist DURING THE REVIVAL MEETING, FOR \$1.50. This will be only for these two months and to new subscribers only. Make the announcement at the beginning and at the close of the meeting, and send the names and money to the Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss. The paper for one year to new subscribers during July and August for \$1.50.

## BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION.

R. B. Gunert, Secy.

Sunday will be the last day allotted to Christian Education, according to our program. But no church should be content to quit until the last cent of the apportionment has been raised.

The W. M. U. in its annual convention at New Albany, voted unanimously to raise one-third of whatever amount the State Convention decides to raise in the five year campaign. If the Convention decides in November to launch a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for Christian Education in five years, the W. M. U. will assume \$333,333.33 1-3. Here is our challenge.

But let us get all debts out of the way and begin with a clean slate. Send all educational money in as fast as it is collected.

## The Last Call.

Let every church on the Fifth Sunday adopt and work such plans as are being employed by the government. And then go after something definite. Let the apportionment which has been made to your church be your minimum. If all the churches will do this, the Baptists of Mississippi will be reinstated in the favor of those who have been crediting us for so long.

For the sake of our own self-respect; for the sake of the respect of others; for the sake of our denominational standing; for the sake of our future; for the sake of our children; for the sake of our Lord and Master, let us pay our debts, save our schools, and thus save our country. "Save Oh Save!"

Deacon Managan of Lake Charles, Louisiana, has promised to give \$25,000 to the Baptist Bible Institute for payment on the purchase price of the Sophie Newcomb property. He plans to give \$5,000 a year for five years, investing it in Liberty Bonds if the war continues and turning over the bonds to the school. The favor of God has been manifestly upon this new training school for preachers and other workers. The New Orleans Baptists have subscribed \$20,000. The First Church, Shreveport will give \$25,000. The Louisiana brethren propose to put on a campaign for the institute next winter. They are doing a good part by it and we of Mississippi need to stand by them in the paying for the buildings. There is now lacking about \$5,000 of the amount needed to meet the first payment in July. You are invited.

The church at Booneville has called Rev. Lee B. Spencer of Jackson and he begins work with them July 1st. A good field and an energetic pastor met.

Dr. J. R. Carter writes that it was a mistake to say that no honorary degrees were conferred by Mississippi College at the last commencement. Though none were announced, the degree of D.D. was conferred on Rev. W. A. Hewett of Jackson First Church and on Rev. G. S. Dobbins of Nashville, Tenn. None are more worthy than these men.

The Blue Mountain Encampment, July 14-21. Get ready and come right on. We expect the best ever. Dr. McGlothlin will lecture on Acts, morning hour and Dr. H. A. Porter deliver the evangelistic message at night. Hours between will be filled with departmental work in the S. S. and B. Y. P. U., Byrd and Wilds in charge. Northern half of the state send offering from church, S. S. or B. Y. P. U. to help cover expense of program. But you, yourself, come. Webb Brame, secy.

The Charleston Baptist Church, assisted by Brother W. A. Hewitt of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, held a ten days revival meeting, beginning June 16th. There were sixteen additions to the church, seven by baptism. Last night the Sunday following the meeting, there were two additions, one for baptism. Brother W. F. Lambert, cashier of the Bank of Charleston. Brother Hewitt is a consecrated man and a strong preacher of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The editor spent ten days in a meeting with Pastor J. E. Cranford at Kingston Church, Laurel. There were thirty-three additions to the church, seventeen of them by baptism. The church seemed greatly helped and is in better condition for service than in several years. They said the congregations were the largest they have ever had. The pastor has done a good work in this second pastorate at Kingston, and nobly led and directed the people in the work of the meeting. Laurel is one of the best towns in the state, with large factories, progressive people, well paved streets and handsome public buildings. The Baptist houses of worship leave something to be desired, having been delayed by the war.

A mocking bird balanced himself rather awkwardly on the fence, not showing the usual confident ease and gracefulness. This a little surprised the onlooker. Then instead of singing it began to squeak, and opened wide its mouth begging to be fed. It was grown in size but its habits of dependence still clung to it. It had the dark gray splotches of infancy on its bib and was still looking to be fed by its mother. How like some church members, full grown in size but with the dependent habits of infancy still clinging to them. They are still asking to be fed and their only thought of the church is as a place to come to when they need to have the bread put into their mouths. It is time some people were looking around for a way and a chance to help somebody else. For when by reason of the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need again that some one teach you the rudiments of the first principles of the oracles of God, and are become such as have need of milk and not of solid food. You will find this and some more of the same kind of reading in Hebrews 5:12 ff.



## ENCAMPMENT.

The North Mississippi Baptist Encampment at Blue Mountain will convene July 14 and run through July 21. We are presenting a fine and attractive and useful program this year. The attendance will be fine. Plan to come, then come. Brother Pastor, announce the meeting to your people. Get the young people to come. Urge the older ones to come. It will be of great help to all to hear Drs. McGlothlin and Porter. Then the training class work will be fine for Sunday School workers, Baptist Young People's Union workers and Woman's Missionary Union workers. The social side will have the best attention. The singing will be an uplift. Then the rest will do good. If those who have made pledges to cover last year's indebtedness of the program will send it to A. A. Graham, Blue Mountain we'll appreciate it very much and thank you in advance.

R. A. KIMBROUGH, Pastor.

## NEWTON BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 1 TO 5.

Practical Hints on Preaching and Pastoral Problems, Rev. R. M. Inlow, Memphis, Tenn.

Organization and Methods, Rev. J. D. Ray, Starkville, Miss.

Studies in Expression, Rev. C. E. Dearman, Meridian, Miss.

In addition to his lectures, Bro. Inlow will preach two evangelistic sermons each day.

There will be three sessions each day and we are expecting lectures from our Field Workers and at least one lecture from Secretary Lawrence.

The services will be especially helpful to pastors, deacons and Sunday School superintendents.

"Evangelism" will be the key-note.

Entertainment free. Come!

If you have time send in your name, but if not, come right on.

BRYAN SIMMONS, Pastor.

## SOUTHWESTERN STUDENT CONFERENCE.

The Southwestern Student Conference, June 30-16, of the Baptist Student Missionary Movement closed with the evening session on Friday, June 14th. From any viewpoint the conference was a great success. Throughout it all there was a deep spirituality and an intense missionary spirit. On account of the world war there was not of course a large number present but this in no way affected the fine spirit. A number of schools in the Southwest sent a delegation. All the sessions of the conference were held on Seminary Hill and in the Seminary buildings. There were in attendance upon the Summer School of the Southwestern Seminary some one hundred and twenty-five students. Most of these also attended the session of the Student Conference. It was a fine company of young men and young women who came from various Baptist and state institutions to attend the conference. They are returning home thoroughly convinced of the value of the Baptist Student

Missionary Movement to our denominational life, and glad in their hearts for the spiritual uplift, information and inspiration received.

We were unusually fortunate in the class leaders and conference speakers. Dr. W. O. Carver of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., conducted a class daily and in addition to this work delivered a number of addresses on The Missionary Message of the Bible. Dr. Victor I. Masters of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, conducted a class daily on The Country Church in the South and other phases of Home Missions and delivered a number of addresses in this field. He did a most acceptable work. Rev. C. C. Marriott, missionary to China under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was present and delivered a number of addresses on various phases of China and the Chinese people and mission work among these great people. Professor J. M. Price of the Southwestern Seminary conducted a class on Missionary Education in the Sunday School. Daily class work was also conducted by Rev. A. L. Aulick and Mrs. Aulick on the subjects of North American Problems and Missionary Education. Mr. Aulick also made a number of addresses. These young people have spent the past year visiting our educational institutions throughout North America and working with Baptist students. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. C. E. Dickens, president of Ouachita College; Dr. C. B. Williams of the Southwestern Seminary; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Seminary and Chas. T. Ball, general secretary of the Baptist Student Missionary Movement. The conference will be held annually on Seminary Hill or elsewhere in the Southwest, under the auspices of the Baptist Student Missionary Movement. The fine spirit throughout and the success of the conference this time insures a growing attendance in the future.

## A GREATLY IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE FOREIGN BOARD.

By J. F. Love, Cor. Secy.

At the Convention in Hot Springs the Foreign Mission Board held a session and decided that the annual meeting of the Board should be held on June 5-6. Accordingly the Board met in Richmond at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning the 5th inst., and began what was one of the most important meetings the Board has ever held. The first matter in order was the election of officers for the year.

Mr. William Ellyson was elected president.

Mr. R. R. Gwathmey was elected treasurer.

Dr. T. B. Ray was elected associate secretary.

The present world conditions, which call us immediately to greatly enlarged effort in Foreign Mission work to meet unusual opportunities and imperious demands, made this meeting one of extraordinary importance. Feeling the weight of responsibility upon them, much time was spent throughout the two days in earnest supplication for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for that

wisdom which cometh down from above.

A program was followed which brought under review the present situation and provoked large deliberation upon it. Such matters as the task set for the Board by the Southern Baptist Convention; the part in the campaign work which should be taken by those members who represent the respective states; the co-operative relationships involved in conducting the work; the relation of the home constituency to the missionaries on the field, and of the missionaries on the field to the home constituency, and other such vital matters received prayerful and earnest attention.

Especial thought and deliberation were bestowed upon the responsibilities created for the Board by the action of the Convention's instructions to the Board that it endeavor to raise one and a half million dollars, and the wise action to pursue now that the Convention has no apportionment committee. After full consideration of this aspect of the matter, the Board adopted the following:

"There are several actions of the Southern Baptist Convention at its late session to which the earnest attention of all our people ought to be directed and concerning which the Foreign Board ought to make several important statements.

"The Convention, without suggestion from this Board, and by a unanimous vote fixed the sum of money to be raised for the current work of Foreign Missions for this Convention year at a million and a half dollars. Roughly speaking this would involve a general advance of 75 per cent. over the contributions for the Convention year just closed. Heretofore for many years the Convention has had a committee on apportionment who undertook to suggest to the various states in the Convention what sums they were expected each to raise for this great work. This apportionment while not, of course, rigidly binding was suggestive and furnished a sort of rough outline of a program for raising money. This year the apportionment committee was abolished and in connection with this action, the Convention emphasized more strongly than ever its right of free access to the churches in its constituency in the interest of its work. In these conditions the Foreign Board would most earnestly represent to Southern Baptists everywhere, and more particularly and especially to State Conventions and Associations and their State Boards and Secretaries, that the new task set for the Board is one of great magnitude and will challenge the faith and courage of our people. It is by no means a task beyond our strength and under the blessing of God our people may compass it. But to achieve this result we must put forth more earnest, enthusiastic and systematic effort than we have ever done before.

"This Board would not undertake to do what the Convention itself, by its discharge of the committee on apportionment, declined to do, namely, to suggest to the states what portion of the million and a half each of them is expected to raise. It leaves that matter with the State Conventions and Boards. The Foreign Mission Board would, however



urgently press upon those who make the programs for their states the vital importance of making them large and liberal, and of naming not a maximum, but a minimum amount.

The Foreign Mission Board would also assure our brethren of the State Conventions and of the State Boards that in the exercise of the freedom of access to the churches claimed by the Convention, this Board means to seek at all times the counsel of our state organizations and to keep in fullest and most sympathetic touch with them. Wherever it may be necessary for this Board to put into the field extra workers to press this great interest upon the hearts and minds of the people, the utmost pains will be taken to interfere as little as possible with the matured plans and purposes of State Boards. We gladly recognize the cordial and invaluable and indeed indispensable aid which these organizations have always rendered to this Convention interest, and we now count on yet larger and more enthusiastic support from them.

"The task set for us in the figures named by the Convention is so great, so far beyond anything which the churches of the Convention have given to this great interest, that we are profoundly convinced of the necessity of beginning at once to organize, develop and inform the missionary spirit of our people. We can by no means afford to let things drift along through these early months of the Convention year, relying upon some more or less spasmodic and intense campaign in the closing weeks. We must rely upon State Secretaries and State Boards and our Associational Representatives to organize the district associations as thoroughly as possible and these associations in turn must, in every way open to them, stimulate and promote the missionary spirit in the churches of their membership. With such an organization formed as early as practicable, reaching into every community of the South and continuing actively in this work until the very close of the Convention year, we can confidently count upon a victorious achievement. Such an organization, of course, will be reinforced all over the land by the thousands of Women's Missionary Societies already actively at work. To all of these agencies throughout the states of the Convention, this Board would send its Christian salutations. Let us under the blessing of God make this year memorable in the history of this greatest of all our Christian enterprises."

I, who am not a member of the Board, can fittingly ask my brethren and sisters of the South to give the Board the most practical co-operation in carrying out the instructions of the Convention along lines which they have, after much prayer and deliberation, adopted. The task which the Convention has given the Board will require for its performance not only the greatest energy of the Board but the concurring action of our people and churches throughout the South. There was in the Board a solemn sense of the weightiness of the task of raising a million and a half dollars for Foreign Missions. There was much crying to God for help equal to such a task. There was evident a craving

for the fellowship of all the brethren and sisters in this task which surely will not be withheld.

Eighteen missionaries were appointed. These young people represent the best life of our churches, are among the best products of our schools, and undertake to represent Southern Baptists among the nations which sit in darkness. A few of the beleaguered outposts in Brazil, Japan and China will be reinforced by these choice and heroic young men and women who have volunteered to go to the relief of their brethren and sisters. At an early meeting of the Board others will probably be appointed. I would ask of all our people that unceasing prayers be offered for these young people, the missionaries on the field, those who are to follow; and that others still may be called into the ripened harvest fields which in many lands suffer loss for lack of laborers. While we pray let us keep constantly in mind and inform the rank and file of our people that greatly enlarged contributions to this work are necessary to provide for these new workers and to carry out the program which the Convention has made.

#### MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

It is with great pleasure that I announce to the brethren that Mrs. J. G. Chastain and her daughter, Miss Regina Chastain, will both be upon the faculty of the Woman's College next session.

Mrs. Chastain is the wife of our beloved missionary to Mexico. She will have charge of the Department of Spanish, of which we are making a specialty instead of German. Her long residence in Mexico, together with her equipment and natural talent, makes her undoubtedly splendidly equipped and fitted to teach this language. She is moreover one of the finest women in our whole Southland, and her influence upon Mississippi girls will be felt from the very beginning.

Miss Regina Chastain, who graduates this summer in the piano department of the New England Conservatory of Music, will be a member of our piano faculty. Miss Chastain went to the Conservatory with one of the highest records in music ever held by a Southern girl, and she leaves there with as high recommendations as are ever given by that institution.

We welcome them both into our Woman's College faculty.

J. L. JOHNSON.

#### A GREAT CONVENTION.

An All-American representation, great audiences and great religious enthusiasm and greatly enlarged and constructive plans projected for future International Sunday School work. The great president of this convention is the great and good presiding elder Edward K. Warren.

The writer felt honored to be put on the committee on nominations and to be selected out of that committee as chairman of the Southern Committee to recommend the three negro members of the executive committee.

The Lord prosper the Record and its great and good editor.

P. H. EAGER.

#### A MILLION DOLLARS FOR HOME MISSIONS.

B. D. Gray.

The Hot Springs Convention was memorable for its vision and large program for the future. The figure for Home Missions was put at One Million Dollars. It was carried enthusiastically and unanimously.

As the Convention did not apportion the amount to the states, the Home Mission Board at their recent annual meeting made the apportionment as follows:

Texas \$150,000; Georgia \$100,000; Virginia \$100,000; Kentucky \$100,000; North Carolina \$75,000; South Carolina \$75,000; Alabama \$55,000; Mississippi \$55,000; Tennessee \$55,000; Oklahoma \$50,000; Arkansas \$50,000; Louisiana \$40,000; Florida \$20,000; Maryland \$20,000; Illinois \$20,000; Missouri \$30,000; New Mexico \$10,000; D. C. \$5,000.

This is a distinct advance over last year, but it had to be in order to cover the million dollar program. While it is a great advance over last year, it is not more than we need or more than we can raise. Our people have the money and they are gaining in the spirit of liberality and largeness.

In the apportionment, consideration as far as possible was had for the ability and development of our people, and the Board tried to be wise and just in the apportionment.

We are confronted by wonderful conditions at home and abroad; the call for great giving is imperious; littleness now would be ruinous, bringing calamity for our immediate task and still greater calamity upon our future life and growth.

Our slogan this year is one million dollars for Home Missions and one hundred thousand converts for Christ. Let this be our slogan, and with earnest prayer and unceasing effort we will come to the close of our year next spring with unparalleled success and victory.

#### CAMP SHELBY.

We had a great service at Y. M. C. A. No. 5 Thursday night. The new draft men have been distributed throughout the camp. There were a great number present. I called for volunteer prayers. A young man prayed a most earnest, devout and heart searching prayer. He expressed just the feeling of the men. I noticed tears in the eyes of many when he had closed. This young man was E. F. McKibben of Pine Valley, Miss.

I preached from Acts 13:38 and made a straight appeal to accept and confess Christ. While we were singing "Just as I am," 82 stalwart young fellows came forward. It was a great and inspiring sight. What a glorious experience we are having. Don't fail to pray continuously for the salvation of our dear men who are giving their lives to their country.

E. D. SOLOMON.

Camp, Shelby, Miss.



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## EDITORIAL.

### THE CHURCH HIS BODY, OR ORGANIC CHRISTIANITY.

This seems to be the day of spineless vertebras, brainless geniuses, soundless noises, sightless luminaries, invisible corporalities and inarticulate religion. That is a religion that has no way of expressing itself. It is deaf and dumb and blind and every way intangible and impalpable. It is not exactly like the gods of the heathen which having eyes see not, and having ears hear not, and having noses smell not. It doesn't see because it has no eyes; it doesn't speak because it has no tongue; it doesn't walk because it has no feet; it doesn't work because it has no hands.

We are of the opinion expressed by a visitor from the interior to his first circus. When he saw the strange four-legged creature with a big hump on his back which somebody had told him was a camel, he looked it over fore and aft and then right and left. Touching it with his hands to see if they confirmed the testimony of his eyes, he backed off ten feet from it and remarked, "There jist aint no sich er animal." If there is an "inarticulate religion" it has never attained to the degree of visibility and certainly has not found expression in any way for then it would have to change its name.

Now over against all this nebulous sporting space of fancy the Lord puts the teaching of His word concerning the church, which is often referred to as His body. The body is not only a visible something but it is a living, organic, energetic, active instrument of work. It is inhabited by an invisible being whose presence gives it life and to whose life and purposes it adapts itself. This is true of the mere animal; it is true of the human being, and it is true of the Son of God. He dwells not in temples made with hands, no longer even in Solomon's Temple; but the church is His body. It is the instrument through which the invisible Lord carries on His work, or functions, as people now say.

The presence of Christ guarantees the life and continuance of the church, indeed gives it its form and causes it to fulfill its task. Nothing but the withdrawal of His spirit can take away its life or being. Other organizations may continue to run because

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they are mechanical, but the church of Christ is a living thing. He will always embody His work in the church. We need not be uneasy that "when the war is over" there will be something else to arise to take its place. The winds and the rains may beat upon it but it will only invigorate it. A local church has all the potential life and activity of the kingdom of God. It may not realize it, has not in most cases demonstrated it, but it is God's chosen agency for doing His work. It is His body in which He lives and by which He ministers to a world in need and to which He brings redemption from sin.

### THE CHURCH--ITS CONTENT AND INTENT.

Conditions now and then compel a restudy of an old subject. Some old subjects are eminently worthy of restudy, and this is one of them. A good deal of the world's theology has been built up around this word or this institution and a good deal of the controversy among Christians originates at this point. We ought sometimes to try to get away from the theological opinions and statements that have become set like a block of concrete and away from the confusion of controversy and make a study of those Scriptures which are the original sources of our knowledge and the grounds of our theological positions. This is not to discount the treatises on these subjects; they have their place and their value; but rightly studied the Scriptures themselves furnish us with something more immediately useful than mere theological lines of longitude and latitude. It is a good thing to know "where we are at" in our creeds, but is more immediately useful to know what a church is for and to be concerned as to whether it is performing its function.

The first occasion of the use of the word so far as the New Testament record shows is in the sixteenth chapter of Matthew, where Jesus says "Thou art, Peter and on this rock I will build my church." This place is immediately converted into a theological gymnasium in which Baptists begin a boxing match, or exercising with the punch bag, or jabbing the bayonet into some enemy manikin; or a wrestling match with one another over its interpretation. It is almost as fruitful of controversy as John 3:5 and as barren of results. We ignore, as the disciples did, the need of the blind man and start a controversy over the ancient question as to "who did sin?" It is so much easier to contend over an academic question than to get busy with fulfilling our mission.

In the case of this Scripture passage about the church, we are so afraid that somebody will abuse the meaning of it or has abused it, that we are resolved to make it mean something else entirely. The use of the word occurs here for the first time apparently, after Jesus had spent months in the effort to make Himself known to the disciples. He had fought His way through misunderstanding of Himself and misinterpretation of the Messianic prophecies until He had now won the first great objective. The Pharisees and

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rulers to the last remained in determined ignorance and stubborn opposition. In the last week of His ministry Jesus asked them the question "What think ye of the Christ; whose Son is He?" Their answer showed they had a wholly inadequate conception of Him. But the simple minded people were more open to teaching, and the disciples had been before this, at the time the word church is used, won to the truth which Peter expressed in "thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Now Jesus for the first time can say church to them. Surely there is a suggestion to us here that it is time enough to teach the people something about the church and mention the question of church membership when they have come to real knowledge of Jesus Himself. It will be easier then, but until then they are in no position to hear about the church. This is not to minimize its place or its value. Jesus had always intended to introduce it, the perpetuity of the truth and the propagation of the gospel are impossible without it, but the church itself is an impossibility and membership in it is an anachronism and a calamity unless there has already been a grasp by faith upon the truth as divinely revealed in Jesus. When this is attained Jesus is overjoyed not only because of what has been done in reaching this point, but in what it means now in the founding and forming of His church which is to express and embody His words and perpetuate and guarantee His purpose. Listen to His words of overflowing rapturous joy as He greets the confusion which His questions had elicited from Peter: "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar Jonah; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father who is in heaven." It is as if the first great success of His ministry is attained. The disciples at last have come to a divinely revealed apprehension of Him and outspoken expression of their faith. Now He can look forward to the future with confidence and joy and He begins to plan for it immediately and speak of it.

That future means a church, a group of people who have found the truth and are ready to speak it, to testify of Him. They are now prepared to preach and teach, to take up His work and carry it on when He is gone. He is not afraid now that His mission is a failure. He can continue to work in hope and to die without regret. When He is gone there will be those who are ready to move on with the work. "The gates of hades shall not prevail against it."

But we have passed over the point in controversy. That will never do at all. Somebody would be sure to be disappointed if we didn't say something about Peter and the rock. Not to satisfy the controversialist but to keep the record straight, let's come back to it. Jesus has the joy of one who has at last led another fully into the light. Peter if not the first to see it, was at least the first to speak out boldly his conviction. This is what pleases Jesus. If there is anything better than seeing the truth and believing it, it is having the courage to speak out. This sort of man is not only saved, he is the hope of saving others. He is bound to be the leader and the strength of others.



This same "Simon Bar Jonah" with all his humanly inherited weakness and limitations which still in some measure cling to him; and Jesus is not deceived about him for He still calls him by the old name; yet is he now because of his faith and courage in possession of a new nature and Jesus gives him a new name; Thou art Peter. This means that he is a rock, or stone; not a pebble in comparison with anything else but good building material. Surely Jesus was not now belittling him. He was delighted with him, commending him, praising him. He assures him that just such stones as this were needed to start His church with. "On this rock I will build My church" and I will not fear for the future, though ages may come and go and the gates of hades may do their worst.

Here is the good Baptist doctrine of a genuinely saved membership; divinely illuminated and with courageous convictions. You can start a church anywhere with a beginning like that and without it—well you had better wait. The questions and answers in this conversation might form a good basis for examination of a candidate for baptism and church membership. Only we had better be careful that the candidate is not merely repeating somebody else's words. What others think of Him may be well to know, but what think ye of Him is the essential thing.

Then Jesus speaks to Peter as a church member, as one of many, not one apart from the others or in any sense above the others. He may be and will be more serviceable than some others but it never was intended for him to lord it over any others. James and John got that idea in their heads on one occasion and were rather severely rebuked for it. After telling Peter that the church will be built of such material, Jesus then tells him what the business of the church and church member will be. "I will give to thee the keys to the kingdom of heaven." Jesus turns over to him and to all like him the keys of the kingdom. The gospel is God's way of salvation; it is the key by which members shall be admitted into the king-

dom of God. A key is made to unlock doors with. The business of the church is to open the way for men to be saved. We may use the key or we may put it away in hiding. The responsibility is on us. As members of the church it is our privilege to show men and women the way to God. If we do it God honors it and confirms our work. If we do it not, it will never be done. God has shut Himself up to that method and means of saving a lost world. Whatsoever we as members of His church, whatsoever the church itself looses on earth shall be loosed in heaven, and whatsoever it binds on earth shall be bound in heaven. What is done now stands forever; what is left undone now is undone forever. Is your church fulfilling its mission? "Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifice, acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ."

#### WAR RECORDS AND PEDIGREES.

"It was said by some a short time before war began against the Huns that the time had come when war records and pedigrees were no longer a prerequisite for office, but since we are into war now up to our necks, we feel that the old order of things has undergone a rapid change, and that war records and pedigrees should be very much considered by the voter and we believe that they will.

That our people of Mississippi have undergone a wonderful change politically no sensible man will deny. It appears now more like an upheaval against political tricksters and combinations than ever before, and the voter has gone to looking for individual merit in the man rather than the faction to which he has been aligned. In other words we are going to have more independence in voting at the coming elections than has been in many years, and if the candidate expects to sail in on a coat-tail airplane we feel that he will meet disappointment in the end. If there ever was a time when we needed big

brains men in office now is the time, when our very foundations are trembling. We want men above reproach and above petty political prejudices, without friends to reward and enemies to punish; free of graft and greed.

The Appeal thinks that the time has come when war records and pedigrees will have much to do with the men selected. Those of us who have sons in the war are much interested, and we don't want any prejudiced politicians serving us for personal gain at the expense of our boys in the trenches. If a man wants office now let him show up his ability and comparative fitness for the office for which he aspires and be passed on at the polls by a set of free independent voters, which we think will be the case in the coming primaries, regardless of whose coat-tail you may have held allegiance to before.—Union Appeal.

The above article taken from the Union Appeal is indicative of a healthy awakening of mind on the part of our people in their looking about for suitable men to administer the offices of the commonwealth. Moral health is as necessary in civil life as in religious life. Religion of the right sort will show up in the demand for clean men in politics as well as in the pulpit. If the powers that be are ordained of God, the men in authority, those who serve in high places or modest places in our political body ought to demonstrate their fitness and be men above reproach.

While war is a fearful calamity from many points of view, it yet quickens men's activities and brings out the real character of men. The political fakir and the moral weakling or derelict will soon show up their real selves. The man of genuine moral purpose and high ideals will come into manifestation. It is a time that tests men's souls. We look for the political atmosphere in Mississippi to be greatly helped and cleared up by the period through which we are passing, and the editorial taken from the Union Appeal is an indication of it.

## The South Mississippi Assembly July 21 to 28

**SPEAKERS**—Drs. J. B. Gambrell, W. J. McGlothlin, J. B. Lawrence and T. T. Martin.

**TEACHERS**—J. E. Byrd, W. A. Chisholm, N. T. Tull, H. H. Harris and others.

**TRAINERS B. Y. P. U.**—Aubry Wilds, Edgar Holcomb, Oscar Yarbrough.

**W. M. U.**—Miss M. M. Lackey, Miss Mallory.

**MUSIC**—Chas. Butler and wife. Military Bands from Camp Shelby.

Make your arrangements to come.

E. D. SOLOMON, President.

N. R. McCULLOUGH, Secretary.

M. P. L. LOVE, Business Manager.



## ADDITIONAL CHAPLAINS NEEDED FOR ARMY AND NAVY.

B. D. Gray.

In view of the new law passed by Congress, there is need of additional chaplains in the army and navy. Southern Baptists are asked to supply immediately the apportionment assigned to them.

Some qualifications for army and navy chaplains:

1. Deep spirituality.
2. Experience in Christian work. Ordination to the gospel ministry between 21 and 45 years of age.
3. Good education. College and Theological Seminary training very desirable.
4. Vigorous physical strength. Knowledge of athletics with fondness for such.
5. Love for young men and a successful experience in working with them with tact and enthusiasm for their spiritual welfare.

Suggestions for Southern Baptist Applicants for army and navy chaplaincies:

1. Write or information and application blank to B. D. Gray, Atlanta, Ga.
2. When received fill out application blank correctly.
3. Secure at least five written endorsements.
4. Prepare a brief pen-written life sketch.
5. Get your recent photograph.

6. Forward all promptly to B. D. Gray, chairman of chaplaincy commission for Southern Baptists, 1004 Healey Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

We need immediately at least fifty capable men for army and navy chaplains from Southern Baptists.

The very best talent we have is needed: consecration, good training, educational equipment, vigor of body, patriotism and love for men are essential. Appeal to our brethren who can meet these demands to come immediately to the call of our country.

## NEW TESTAMENTS FOR THE SOLDIERS.

The Sunday School Board during the last convention year distributed 56,000 copies of the New Testament in the various cantonments. We have already placed orders for 20,000 more copies which we will receive shortly, and other orders will be placed for the fall and winter. The Sunday School Board is paying for all this out of its earnings. This policy received the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention, and we are glad to continue it. We have not cared to ask for money at the expense of any needy enterprise.

But we are constantly receiving information that our Baptist Sunday Schools are being approached for money to put Testaments into the cantonments through other organizations. One of these movements is a national movement and we would not in any way interfere with it. So far as the other movements are concerned, however, we wish to make our appeal to be given first consideration in such gifts.

We work mainly through our Camp Pas-

tors but that means we supply the Y. M. C. A. workers, the chaplains and the pastors in or near every cantonment. It is a great help to our Baptist Camp Pastors to have these Testaments not only for their own use, but so that they may supply the other workers. We are using great care and do not practice indiscriminate giving. We have a minimum of red-tape and we know our work is effective and unique. We confine our efforts to Southern camps.

If you want to give money for the distribution of New Testaments among the soldiers, why not let it come to us? Though we are not soliciting such gifts, we can make use of them, and there is little or no need for Southern Baptists to make use of any other agency to do this work among the camps in this section of the country.

The Testament we are giving is the handsomest put out in the camps through any organization. It is the American Standard Revision, finely bound, with the Flag in colors on the cover, and of a quality suitable to stand the wear and tear of camp life. Moreover, through us you help every Baptist Camp Pastor, and enable him to be of service to the chaplains and Y. M. C. A. men. All this helps him in turn in his own work.

I. J. VAN NESS,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## Budget Laymen Department

N. T. TULL, Superintendent

The Budget Man is giving two weeks to church-to-church campaign work in Webster county. He is using in his work a chart illustrating the budget, designed by Rev. S. W. Rogers who is pastor of two half-time country churches in South Mississippi. The chart gives a graphic outline of the plan, and is very helpful in presenting the system.

During this week Bro. Owen Williams, pastor at Brooksville, is managing the campaign in Webster county. Bro. Williams is also pastor of a country church. Both of his churches are on the budget and both will give twice as much to denominational causes this year as they have ever given before in any one year in their history. This is saying a great deal when it is a fact that the Brooksville church has always given liberally.

The church at Brooksville put on the budget for the full amount of their apportionment which was \$800. Besides paying this amount systematically through the Budget plan they gave a special offering to Foreign Missions of \$123 and a special offering to Home Missions of \$390. They are now preparing for their special offering this month to Christian Education. Doesn't this prove my contention that the budget plan opens the way for free-will giving?

I find that the people are anxious to know God's teaching in respect to money. They are quick to see that there is a Bible doctrine on the subject of money, or possessions, and Baptists should hasten to give this important subject the emphasis it deserves.

## Baptist Education Commission

R. B. Gunter, Sec'y.

Working day and night.

There remains but two more Sundays before the time allotted to Christian education will be up. Only a few churches have sent in their full apportionment. We have received the following: McLain Church, Leaf Liver Association; Webb Church, Sunflower Association, and Sapa Church, Zion Association.

## ARE WE PREPARED FOR PEACE.

Many a time have we heard that the war found us unprepared and often do we hear it said that we want peace. But had it ever occurred to you that we are not prepared for peace? And had it occurred to you that peace is not with the enemy, but with God's people. In the Old Testament peace always came when God's people were right with God. Nothing was said about the strength, or the weakness of the foe. When a golden wedge was stolen Israel failed against a handful. God had to whip His people back into line. And as He used Cyrus in the days of old, so He may be using the Kaiser today. Many of our people were fascinated by the German school system until the war came. And if war should cease now, they would soon go to it again. Until we are willing to support those institutions which make for peace, and make war impossible we are not ready for peace. At present we are not ready.

The challenge has gone out from a Laurel man to the 170,000 Baptists of Mississippi, saying that he will be one of twenty to pay \$26,000 due July 5th. Only one man has joined him. We have written 38 letters trying to find others; besides we have seen some personally. Some to whom we have written have bought \$10,000 Liberty Bonds. This is well and good. But those bonds would pay school debts and serve the country at the same time. Some have made investments of \$60,000 in a place. That is not bad. But the appalling thing is the leaving undone of the weightier matters. This is not intended as a rebuke; but it is intended to show that if the war should cease to be now, our Christian schools upon which depend permanent peace would continue to suffer as they have been suffering. For our people have not given our schools sufficient support before the war began. And much of this money which is being invested was made before the war began. So people cannot use the war as an excuse for not supporting our schools. When a man buys a Liberty Bond, it is supposed in the majority of cases that he has faith to believe that he can live without that money for five years. Could he not have faith to believe he could live on after 1923, if he should give to Christian education.

Brother Wessons's remark was timely when he said that there was not enough dependence on God in this war. The President's conception of what we are fighting



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All funds should be sent to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, except the Literature Fund, which should be sent direct to Miss M. M. Lackey.

## CONVENTION NOTES

Everybody had "the best home" in New Albany. Surely never did hosts show kinder hearts than on this occasion.

The two early morning conferences brought the women close together and some problems were solved that seemed well worth while.

The presence of honored visitors proved a great inspiration. Miss Mallory was never finer in all her fine life. Miss Margaret Buchanan, Corresponding Secretary for Tennessee, was most helpful in many ways. Mrs. George W. Riley brought gladness and radiated goodness every hour.

Our brethren, God bless 'em, were certainly a "stay." They stayed right with us throughout every service. Indeed one interested brother closed up his business that he "might not miss anything those women had to say."

Our Indian guests, what an interest they created! Mrs. Arnold brought a wonderful message in a wonderful way. More of her work later.

The hour devoted to our missionaries left its impress on all hearts also. Pearl Caldwell and Rev. H. M. Harris from China and Elizabeth Kethley from the Mountain Schools each said just the things that were needful to be said; and said them with earnestness and power.

Then there came all the way from Marks, to represent our colored sisters, Blanch Strong, Secretary of the "Home and Foreign Mission Delta Association." Branch spoke to the point and spoke well of what her race is trying to do, especially for the young people.

It was an inspiring hour, when, with Blanch Strong on one side, the Indians waving Old Glory on the other, and our president in the center, all the congregation stood and sang "America." How we did sing! And we did not forget the last verse, "God bless our splendid men."

Some said the greatest hour was that devoted to Christian Education. Dr. DeMent

and Secretary Gunter Did give us great addresses.

But each hour was great. The crowds were large and great. The inspiration was great. The spirit was great. And best of all the Lord was there in Power.

M. M. L.

## STATE W. M. U. MEETING.

The State W. M. U. Meeting of Mississippi, held at New Albany, is a matter of history.

It must be confessed that it was with fear and trembling preparation for this first meeting as a separate body from the Convention was anticipated. But prayer prevailed and from the very first hour, when Dr. Mullins gave his marvelous message, to the close of the missionary session, there was not one moment uncrowned with success.

Trains are often delayed these days, but even the railroads were on our side. The train conveying the president and a large delegation of women was due in New Albany at 8:15 p. m., and was exactly on time.

At the appointed hour the commodious tent (the T. T. Martin tent, was filled with men and women, many of whom had come miles in autos for this special service. The President, Mrs. A. J. Aven, called the meeting to order and asked the pastor, Dr. Brame to lead the opening prayer. The Woman's hymn, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult," was sung, after which an anthem was rendered by the choir, under the splendid leadership of Miss Winchester.

Dr. Mullins was introduced in our Mrs. Aven's own inimitable way. He preached from the text, Isa. 42:4, "He shall not fail nor be discouraged till he hath set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His law." It was a marvelous message for this marvelous day in which we are living. A new vision of the meaning of the world war was carried away in many hearts. Dr. E. L. Wesson closed the service with prayer.

## Wednesday Morning.

At the appointed hour, the tent was again comfortably filled by women from all portions of the State and quite a goodly number of brethren. The morning devotional service was led by Mrs. Modena Lowrey Berry, of Blue Mountain. Because of its unusual value at this time to the women of our State, it will be printed. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. P. B. Bridges, of Laurel, acted as Secretary pro tem. Throughout the meetings her work was well and faithfully done.

The president's address was fitting and appreciated. I trust every society will read it. Two vice presidents were present, Mrs. Godbold of the First District, and Mrs. Lide of the third. The other two, Mrs. Ball of the second, and Mrs. Bancroft of the fourth, sent their reports. All four reports were worth while. The corresponding secretary's report was received with interest and thankful hearts joined in singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." Total contributions for the half year were \$56,247.98. The Personal Service Hour having arrived, Miss Lackey read the report in the

absence of the leader, Mrs. Kent. Much of the time was allotted to Miss Nell Bullock on the Good Will Center. Her report was an eye-opener to our women as to the real meaning of Personal Service. Others brought in splendid reports of work done along this line. The closing consecration hour was led by Mrs. D. A. Hill of Booneville. Her theme was "Union With Christ."

## AFTERNOON SERVICE.

The afternoon devotional service was led by our own Mrs. G. W. Riley who now hails from Plano, Texas. This afternoon was devoted largely to our "Church Building Loan Fund" under the leadership of the matchless Mrs. Longest. When she reported that Mississippi had given 48 memorials with several others to follow and that over \$26,000.00 had been pledged, with nearly one-third of this in cash; and when our beloved Miss Mallory closed the hour with her wonderful address on our "Homeless Churches" every heart was filled with joy and exaltation.

## EVENING SERVICE.

The evening session was devoted to our Young People. The devotional was led by Miss McConnell of New Orleans. She is a this year's graduate of the Training School in Louisville, Ky., and will go to Cuba to take Effie Chastain's place for this coming year. Each of us was thankful that she must needs pass through Mississippi and bring us a message for this hour. The report of our College Correspondent, Miss Mary Ratliff, was just as hers always is, simply superb. When she closed with her lovable eulogy on the life of Velma Lambert one of "her girls" so recently killed in an auto wreck; and when she asked for a special prayer of thanksgiving for this beautiful life cut short, and prayer of pleading for the lives of two others of "her girls" who are now lying on beds of affliction—Katie Bell Smith Posey and Mildren Williams—ah, when she made these requests, men and women wept and prayed and each felt close to God. It seemed fitting that just at this time, the final report of our Young People's Leader should be presented. How we shall miss Fannie Traylor in the state work!

The pageant, "Scenes From the Life of the Training School," was then presented. This was under the management of Miss Mary Etta Buchanan. Surely no one else could have managed little children and elderly women, arranging unique and beautiful tableaux with such dispatch and precision. The Union's thanks go to her. Also to Mrs. H. L. Martin our Training School Trustee, whose splendid reading of the pageant rendered its success possible.

(To be continued.)

## THE WOMEN WHO DID NOT GO.

There were four women who did not attend the W. M. U. State Meeting. One (1) sister stayed away because she "was not altogether in sympathy with the change of time

We thought of this dear sister frequently, especially when we had some mountain top experiences such as Dr. Mullins, Dr. DeMent, Dr. Brame and Brethren Wesson, Gun-



ten and others brought messages in sermon or address or prayer; and we wished that this gracious privilege might be hers as well as ours.

One (?) sister stayed away because "the weather is too hot." Well, the weather was hot! Lovely June never smiled brighter, and King Sol was determined that not one cloud should darken the skies for our occasion. But—that spacious tent with its tall poles and uplifted curtains seemed determined to catch every breeze going; indeed, while other places were almost blazing, the breezes were so strong underneath that fans were out of place, and the banners kept a merry flutter above our heads. The meeting was doubtless the coolest place in the State.

One (?) sister stayed away because of sudden sickness in the home. How we thought of her as she ministered there, knowing that her thoughts and prayers were with us where she longed to be in person! And one (?) sister was kept because the darling Boy was at home "at just this time for the first furlough before starting across."

Oh, sisters, as we read your letters which spoke so much more between the lines that we said in words, how tenderly we thought of you and how earnestly we all prayed for you, and for the other mothers who, whether they bided at home or came to the meeting, are passing through Gethsemane.

To which class do you belong, dear sister? May God bless you everyone.

#### DR. GAMBRELL GOES TO THE SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY.

L. R. Scarborough.

For more than twenty years Dr. J. B. Gambrell has led Texas in the most glorious forward movement, along the lines of mission education and benevolence. There can be no question as to the eternal value of his wonderful life and leadership in the affairs of the Kingdom of God in this great section. His leadership has been unmatched with a wisdom coming from heaven and a tact marked by the Divine Spirit and an aggressive rare rarely ever seen. He has led in organizing, inspiring and marshalling and sending forth a mighty army for Jesus Christ. The victories in these years under his leadership in mission endeavor, in evangelistic success, in educational accomplishment, in the work of healing the wounds and diseases of men, have marked this period in Texas Baptist history as probably the most glorious of any state in the Union or any people in the world. He is dear to Texas Baptists. We love him, we believe in him, we have followed him, and with him have won.

He has just rounded out the most glorious mission victory of all Texas Baptist history and put Texas in the leadership in every item of missionary and educational endeavor. Now in the bloom of a ripe age, with remarkable intelligent, physical, spiritual vigor he resigned the position, which he has held and filled so long and so well, to accept the professorship in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He notifies the Board that he goes like he came, by what he believes Divine direction and conviction; and his decision is final and without revocation. He notifies the brotherhood that they must

not turn to him again for any secretarial position. The position which he goes to in the Southwestern Seminary is unique. He will teach, straight through the Seminary year, Ecclesiology and Christian Ethics. He will be known as Professor of Ecclesiology. He is to aid the president in the Department of Evangelism in his absence on administrative duties. He is to do a great deal of writing, both for the religious press and in permanent book form. He will begin at once after he comes to the Seminary the production of two or three books, the material of which has been growing during the years. All these publications will be under the imprimatur of the Southwestern Seminary. He will be open to the denomination, nationwide, for lectures, sermons and addresses in conventions, conferences and assemblies. We will not overtax him in this line. He is set free from local detail work and administration and his life will be given to teaching, writing and general denominational influence, nation-wide. He will put his life day by day into the forming of ministerial character, conviction and spirit. What a blessing his coming is to the ministry! How he has effected the ministry of the South only God will be able to record! And now with a concentration, which he has never before fully enjoyed, he will put the experience, accumulation and wisdom of the years into the life of a growing ministerial and missionary leadership.

The brotherhood will remember that he is a man of great energy, and resourceful in many directions; but they must not overtax him; and yet we want the brotherhood to know that there are no limitations in the scope of his activities, as far as territory is concerned. There are literally thousands of preachers throughout the United States who if they got nothing else from a Seminary course would be fully and gloriously repaid and more by getting from Dr. Gambrell, alone, the things he will be able to say and do for them in his class-room. His going to the Southwestern Seminary ought to turn hundreds of men to new thinking about fuller and better preparation for the Lord's work. At best he will not have many years to help mold our lives. Every minister possible should get the benefit of his wisdom and strength in these years of his service in the Seminary.

Most of our time-honored, heroic leadership of the old-guard in the South have passed away. Just a few remain of whom Dr. Gambrell towers in a perilous leadership. How the brotherhood should rejoice that he will have an opportunity now to concentrate and think his best thoughts and put them into permanent book form and with a fresh vigor put them into the growing vitalities of a strong ministerial and missionary leadership.

The Southwestern Seminary opens wide its arms to receive this noble Roman, this commoner among a Baptist spiritual democracy. This man who in many respects is like the Apostle Paul in doctrine, in martial spirit, in mission vision, in evangelistic fervor, in wide leadership, will not retire from the denominational activities, but simply transfers and concentrates and gives special direction of his powers and energies.

The Seminary welcomes him. The Executive Board with regret, not to lose him, but to transfer him, gave him to the Seminary with gratitude to God for his past leadership and thanksgiving to God that he still carries to help in the onward movements.

The Seminary suffered in their hearts tremendously when the immortal Carroll laid down the earthly task to assume the heavenly services and glories. Every day since his death we have missed him. We rejoice to have this other hero, strong in Baptist affection, peerless in spiritual power, with the wisdom of a conquering experience to come among us and help us in the great training task. He is a glorious compensation for our loss in the death of Dr. Carroll. Now, his name with Carroll's will be forever linked with this Seminary, whose past is glorious, whose present is conquering, whose future is luminant with the glories of the Father's promises.

Thus with new hope and spiritual stimulant the Southwestern moves on and out and up, with a spirit of co-operation with all Baptist New Testament movements and with all the institutions of Southern Baptists.

We congratulate ourselves and the denomination on the coming of Dr. Gambrell to a place in our midst.

#### OUR W. M. U. CONVENTION AT NEW ALBANY.

Webb Brame.

As the good women began gathering last Tuesday for their first meeting a part from our State Convention, there was a feeling of doubt with some as to whether this convention would measure up to plans and expectations. Of course no one among them thought of failure, but it was an experiment. Soon all uneasiness disappeared and all doubt as to the outcome gave way to the assurance of success and victory.

The town and church people were greatly benefitted by the convention. The only complaint I heard was that so many homes had no guests. There were about two hundred delegates and visitors registered, and we could have easily cared for double that number. The women of our church have been lifted upon higher ground by having the blessings of our State W. M. U. in their midst.

Yes, it was a great success, and I most heartily endorse the plan of their separation from the general convention for their place and time of meeting.

#### BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION.

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for is ideal. This is the conception of many. But it is not the conception of all. A few days ago I heard a man in khaki say, "We are fighting to make the world a decent place to trade in."

But let us not forget that the ultimate outcome of this war will be determined by the attitude of God's people towards Him. Victor Hugo says that it was God who won the battle of Waterloo. When we, His people, will support those institutions which witness for Him, peace will come. This is what causes me to believe peace is far off. Mississippi Baptists are on trial.



## B. Y. P. U. DEPARTMENT

Auber J. Wilds, Superintendent.

"We Study That We May Serve."

### FUNERAL NOTICE.

We the members of the Prospect B. Y. P. U. joyfully announce to the United Baptist Young People, the death of our life-long member, Mr. Thirty Minute Quiz.

It's good to see the death of Mr. Thirty Minute Quiz. He has been taking time that didn't belong to him as ten minutes is all that he should ever have. Some body else bury that member.

### Our Encampments.

Have you made your arrangements to go to Blue Mountain or to Hattiesburg to the encampment which meets in July? The Blue Mountain encampment will begin July 14th and will run for eight days going through the 21st. The Hattiesburg encampment opens July 21st and runs eight days, going through the 28th.

Dr. McGlothlin of the Seminary at Louisville and Dr. Olord Porter of Atlanta, Ga., will be at both encampments and it will be a great treat to us to hear these splendid men in their lectures and sermons each day. Besides these men we have other workers from out of the state and also some of our own state's best workers. We will have a class in the Junior B. Y. P. U. work also a class in the Senior B. Y. P. U. work.

We are expecting a good crowd to be at each of these encampments and any body that wants to spend a profitable as well as pleasant vacation should plan to go to either one or both of the encampments. There will be no class work in the afternoon as the afternoons will be given to recreation and sight-seeing, mountain climbing and cantonment visiting.

The time is very long now so begin to get ready. Its just three weeks until the first one opens. Two Junior leaders have said that they were going to take the most of their Juniors. It will be a great trip for them. Board and room will be only a dollar a day in the college dormitories. Add the number of days that you expect to stay to your railroad fare and you have what the trip will cost you. Then multiply that by 100 and you have what the trip will be worth to you.

### Questions and Answers.

Question—What is the best method of doing extension work? We find that so many of the country churches are indifferent to the work and hard to get interested.

Answer—The reason some of our churches are indifferent is because they don't understand the work. We are never interested in a thing we know nothing about, therefore the best means of interesting them would be to show them what the work is and the best way to do that of course would be by having a part

of your Union go to these churches and give a demonstration of the B. Y. B. U. work. Just render a program as you do every Sunday evening in your own church.

Question—How can a B. Y. B. U. give systematically to the church if the church has no system of finance in it?

Answer—The standard of excellence calls for a union to give according to the church plan and if the church only makes its gifts once or twice a year, the union can reach that point of the standard by that same method. However I think the best thing for the union to do would be to get the church to put on the budget which would make it easy for them to give systematically and it would bring your church into line with the state program. If you don't understand the Budget write to or send for N. T. Tull, Jackson, Miss., he is the budget man.

Question—Should a B. Y. B. U. go into summer quarters, that is should they disband for the summer?

Answer—Not unless they kill the devil first.

### Tupelo Juniors.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. of Tupelo under the splendid leadership of Mrs. J. J. Clow have been A-1 since January, 1917. They were organized in October, 1916. They have just declared their determination to be the best Junior B. Y. P. U. in the South. They have accepted the challenge of the Jacksonville Texas Juniors which was given to all the Juniors of the South. We now have two unions that have accepted the challenge and are sure others will come in later. Let it be so.

## News In The Circle

### Martin Ball

Pastor L. F. Gregory of Shelby, has just closed a gracious meeting at Vance. Rev. W. R. Cooper of Sumner did the preaching. Eight were baptized and four received by letter. One Campbellite was received.

A splendid young man and his wife were received for baptism by the Clarksdale church last Sunday. We are in a fine spiritual state and would carry the meeting on from day to day if we had a house that would seat the congregation.

That was a fine Woman's Missionary Union Number the editor gave us last week. We could well dispense with all news notes for such reading.

Last Sunday nine were baptized into the fellowship of the Clarksdale church. These all joined at the regular preaching services. The Lord continues His favors upon the church.

The Portland Avenue Church, Louisville, Ky., is enjoying a gracious revival. Pastor Kirkland has

the assistance of his father, Rev. Sam Kirkland. Twenty-two professed faith the first week.

Rev. R. B. Butler of Metropolis, Ill., has accepted the position of Office Editor with the Baptist Builder. A fine field for usefulness opens up to him.

Missionary J. G. Chastain and his daughter expect to reach Blue Mountain by the first of July. They have been laboring for sometime in Cuba.

Richmond College at the last commencement Doctored W. M. Ball and John E. Briggs. Now they are ready for work.

Evangelist T. O. Reese of the Home Board, recently held a meeting with the First Church, Phoenix City, Ala. There were 70 additions, 50 by baptism.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell says his resignation as secretary of the State Mission Board of Texas, is final. He will be connected with the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth.

Col. C. C. Slaughter of Dallas, Texas, recently gave \$150,000 to the Baptist Memorial Sanitarium, Dallas. This is the largest single donation ever made in that state.

While Pastor W. W. Hamilton of Lynchburg, Va., was away attending the Southern Baptist Convention his deacons met and recommended an increase of \$500 in pastor's salary. When this was presented to the church for approval they made it \$600.

The First Church, Bowling Green, Ky., has aroused herself and paid off a \$60,000 debt. The church and people are happy.

### MOSS POINT.

Eleven months ago the First Baptist Church increased the pastor's salary \$25 per month. Then again yesterday they voted to add \$25 per month more. The pastor enters upon his fourth year with high hopes of making this the banner year.

We are having additions to the church at every service. The average attendance of our Baraca class for the past six weeks has been over one hundred.

We are using our new Sunday School rooms and they add to the efficiency of our school.

God's blessing on the Baptist Record.

HOMER H. WEBB, Pastor.

### PATRIOTIC WOMEN OF AMERICA

We have now more than 800,000 men on French and German soil, we are expecting to have about 1,000,000 by July 1st. Numbers are returning sick or wounded to be cared for by the Red Cross at home. We should 'Keep the home fires burning.' Have you been doing your part along this line?

Look at devastated Belgium, France, Serbia and Russia. We have much to feel thankful for. Our churches, our women and children have been spared. Our three million boys need your help, and our government needs your assistance. Our boys "over there" have shown the enemy of what material they are, and have not yet shown a white feather to the detestable Hun.

Shall we render a full service in this warfare for Christian civilization, and in the name of humanity. Have you a boy in camps or "over there?" Each one of these is doing one thousand times more than you, or I can do should we put forth our best efforts. Let it not be we the women shall be "slackers." We have one of the greatest opportunities that possibly could come to us to help in a righteous cause. Have you fully enlisted in this work? Will you not yet establish your name among the patriotic, that are ready to work? "Work for the night is coming, when man works no more."

More than 8,000 of our brave boys have finished their work since enlisting and we should try to fill their places as best we can. They and many more will come this way no more.

Yours for more work,  
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### READY FOR SERVICE.

Rev. O. P. Estes, late of the Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and ex-pastor of the Shubuta Baptist Church, stopped off here between trains yesterday and greeted his many warm friends. He led prayer meeting at the Baptist Church. He left for Jackson to meet and confer with Mr. J. E. Byrd, Baptist Sunday School Field Worker, as to the work he is to engage in during the next three and a half months.

The State Board is fortunate in securing Rev. Estes as extra Field Worker to assist in holding the County Sunday School Normals that have been planned for this summer, as Bro. Estes has had considerable experience in training and teaching young people, having for two years held the chair of Bible History at the Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Miss., and is recognized as one of the best singers in the state.

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## GEORGETOWN.

On Tuesday evening of June the 17th, just one week after our arrival here, we were given a most hearty and joyous welcome by the good people of Georgetown into their town and community. The social gathering included the Baptists and Methodists of this town and many from Rockport. The reception was previously arranged for by the ladies of this place and was held on the church yard.

After a welcoming address by Dr. Chapman and a song, "Count Your Many Blessings," had been sung, they then proceeded to sing, "God Will Take Care of You" and at the same time the little children pounded us with such an abundant supply of groceries. We then had a prayer after which nice refreshments were served.

We cannot feel otherwise than that this reception was in the truest sense an expression of their appreciation and respect for their new pastor and family and their love and devotion to God. We have not words that would express as we would like our appreciation and thanks for the many nice things which fill our pantry and for the hearty welcome extended us.

We sincerely believe what the Lord is about to pour His spiritual blessings upon our church. Our series of revival meetings begin the third Sunday in July with Rev. W. A. Williams of McComb City, to do the preaching. We earnestly desire the prayers of God's people over the State and especially those of our immediate and surrounding community.

Respectfully,  
N. J. LEE.

## MARRIAGE.

On the first Sunday evening of this month Mr. James Holder of Violet and Miss Emma Chapman of Pattison, Miss., were married at the home of the bride, the writer officiating. They will make their home near Pattison. A wide circle of friends wish for them the best.

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NEWS IN THE CIRCLE  
MARTIN BALL

The Board of Trustees of Hall-Moody Institute have given the honorary degree of D.D. to Revs. E. L. Wesson, T. A. Beasley and T. F. Lowry of Illinois.

Gov. Chas. H. Brough of Arkansas, has been nominated for a second term as governor. He is a deacon of the First Church, Little Rock, and Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention are on our desk. It is a large volume and contains a short history of the Convention with photos of many of the presidents. It is fine for imparting useful denominational information.

Pastor E. F. Adams recently held a meeting in his church at Fulton, Ky., doing all the preaching. There were several additions by letter and 20 by baptism. He is an excellent preacher and worker.

Dr. S. E. Tull of Temple, Texas, is being assisted in a meeting by Rev. J. R. Hobbs of Jonesboro, Ark. These are strong preachers, and good revivalists. The Lord usually blesses their efforts.

The ladies of the Sunflower Association will hold their annual meeting at Marks beginning July 16. The ladies are expecting a great time.

Pastor J. J. Cloar of Tupelo, recently had the assistance of Dr. R. G. Bowers of Paducah, Ky., in a splendid meeting. The singing was led by Charles Butler.

The First Church, Lexington, Ky., presented Dr. J. W. Porter with a beautiful silver pitcher in recognition of the tenth anniversary of his pastorate. During these ten years this church has increased its missionary offering 500 per cent.

The Baptist Courier brings out this week a beautiful Summer Assembly number. The South Carolina Assembly convenes in Greenville, S. C., June 26 to July 5. A great time is anticipated.

The Georgia B. Y. P. U. Convention meets at Dublin June 18-20. Frank H. Seavell is the secretary, and of course, general manager. J. P. Scofield will have charge of the music.

At the First Church, Phoenix, Ala., Evangelist T. O. Reese closed a good meeting. There were 67 additions—50 by baptism.

Dr. I. E. Gates of Plainview, has accepted an urgent call from the First Church, Amarillo, Texas. He thinks a wonderful field of usefulness opens up before him.

Dr. C. C. Coleman, pastor of the Citadel Square Church, Charleston, S. C., made the alumni address at the Louisville Seminary commencement. His subject was "Prophets of the Future." His address was said to be tonic to all who heard it.

Pastor A. K. Wright of Ensley Church, Alabama, has just closed a great meeting with his church. Dr. J. J. Wicker of Richmond, Va., did the preaching and E. L. Wolslagel of Asheville, N. C., led the music.

Dr. W. L. Pickard, president of Mercer University, made the baccalaureate address at the Southwest-

ern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. We know that was enjoyable.

Sunday School Secretary Paul Powell of Alabama, says of the Bessemer, M. K. Thornton pastor, that "in many respects it is the best in the whole South." Mr. Powell is an expert and knows.

At a recent meeting of the executive board of the Texas General Convention Dr. J. B. Gambrell resigned as secretary of the board, effective not later than September 1. His resignation was accepted. His future plans are not announced.

Dr. B. A. Copass has tendered his resignation as superintendent of war work, effective September 15. He will teach in Fort Worth Seminary.

Dr. M. E. Dodd, camp pastor at Camp Beauregard, La., did not attend the Southern Baptist Convention. The soldiers at the camp were on the eve of going to France and so were in quarantine. Bro. Dodd had himself quarantined with them. He preached night and day. There were over 1,000 professions.

It has been proposed that Texas take one of the buildings of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans and name it "The Gambrell Memorial." That seems proper and right.

## TIDINGS FROM CANTON.

I have just returned from McComb where I assisted pastor W. H. Williams of the East McComb Baptist Church for nine days in a very gracious meeting. There were 25 additions to the church, and I think the meeting one of the most spiritual I have attended in a long time. The whole church seemed to have been reached, and the pastor said everything he had hoped for was accomplished. I also preached a number of times in the Illinois Central railroad shops at the noon hour. The men are fine fellows and very attentive and responsive.

The East McComb church is well located and is reaching a fine lot of people. They have over three hundred members, mostly railroad people who have moved into McComb from the country and are working in the shops. Pastor Williams has the situation well in hand, and there is no doubt but that he has a great opportunity for growing a great church. Mr. W. L. Franklin of Magee, conducted the singing. He is spiritual, and a good song leader.

Things are moving nicely with us here in Canton. The new church is going up rapidly and we hope to be in it in the early fall. It will be A-1 in every respect when completed and worthy of the fine people who compose its membership.

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# Sunday School Lesson Notes

BY M. O. PATTERSON, D. D.

## THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Proverbs 2:1-11; Phil. 1:9-11.  
Lesson for June 30.

Lesson Connection—The last lesson closed our six months' study in the Gospel of Mark. The present lesson logically would be a review of the past quarter's work. But it has been thought best by our lesson committee to make the last Sunday in June "Christian Education Day" all over the Southern Baptist Convention territory. The wisdom of this plan will be justified in the larger information on a vitally important subject which shall come to our Southern Baptist hosts, and in the special offerings which shall be made to the cause of Christian Education.

The value of Christian Education may be seen in the answers to three questions.

### I. Is the Christian Factor in Education Important?

To many Christian minds this question is useless, because they are convinced of its importance. But with many it is an open question. I mean to say that many Christian fathers and mothers are not convinced that the Christian factor in education counts for much. If there is any doubt as to the correctness of this statement let a census be taken of our state institutions. It will be found that the great majority of students of these institutions are from Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist homes. Therefore, the answer to the question is pertinent.

1. What is the most important element in the make-up of an individual? The correct answer to this question will help us to answer the main question. It is hardly his body, though that is important. It is hardly his intellect, though that is important. May be the soul is the most important element. That is exactly what Jesus meant when He said, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul," or his own life? It is beyond question that Jesus regarded the moral element in a man the most important. Then unquestionably that education which has to do primarily with the unfolding and proper development of this highest element is tremendously important.

2. The importance of the Christian factor in education is seen again in the opinions of noted educators. One of the leading thinkers of the South thus states the case: "The culture of evangelistic fervor linked with the finest learning is the highest culture." Another mature scholar and thinker of the South states the case more strongly: "The college days are a stormful and stressful period in the life of the youth. Better were it a thousand times that a student should receive the impress of a sane well-poised, simple-hearted, genuinely Christian teacher, even though not so brilliant, than that he

should sit at the feet of the brightest German rationalist and become an infidel." The highest type of man can not be produced apart from the Christian factor in education. The primary purpose of the Christian factor in education is not so much to furnish technical training for the various professions as to MAKE MEN for the professions.

3. The importance of the Christian factor in education is seen also in the total lack of it in the German system of education. The entire system of education of that brutal nation is under the control of the state. The Christian element is an unknown quantity. The end of their education is three-fold—to mold a state of mind which regards the German citizen as the super-man; which regards the German race as the super-race; which regards the German state as the super-state. With this state of mind permanently fixed, stripped of the Christian element, the nation has been prepared to accept the barbarian principle that "might make right." In order to put into execution effectively this principle of the jungle a twin jungle principle is inculcated through their school system, "faith, hope, hate, but greatest of these is hate." Mind you, this state of mind is the full fruitage of a system of education which knows no God except the "good old German Gott" who is the dark prince of this ungodly social order. Here then is the secret of that diabolical, bloody hand's having been laid to the throat of the world—a state of mind built upon barbarian principles rather than Christian.

### II. What is the Distinctive Character of this Christian Factor?

Unless there is something distinctive in Christian Education the doors of every Christian School ought to be closed at this very hour. There is absolutely no other justification of any appeal for money to equip and endow Christian schools. Well, what is this distinctive something?

1: This distinctive something is found in the personal touch of students with genuinely Christian men as teachers. No Christian institution ought to tolerate men in its faculty whose lives are not positively Christian. The touch of a consecrated personality is one of God's great blessings to a student. I may forget many facts I learned from books while student in college, but I shall never get away from the impress upon my life of some men who taught me those facts.

2. This distinctive something is found in the creation of a Christian atmosphere which makes it comparatively easy for the non-Christian boy or girl to become a Christian. This incident illustrates my meaning. Some two months ago a young man in Mississippi College came to my home for a conference with me unsolicited. His story in substance was this: Last year he attended a school out of Mississippi which he described as a most "immoral

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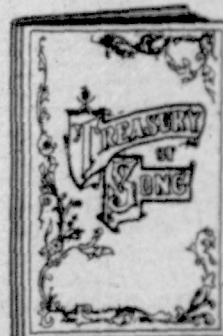
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place." But he said on coming to this institution he had somehow wanted to become a Christian. His inquiry was, "What must I do to be saved?" He found the way and yielded his young life to Christ.

3. This distinctive something is found in a distinct kind of teaching. Of course, the Bible must be taught in Christian institutions. It must not be a sort of side show either, but a fundamental requirement for graduation. But I am referring more directly to the spirit in which the Bible is taught. If certain sections are to be taken with a "grain of salt" and the suspicion created that the old Book is not God's infallible revelation to men, it is better not to have it taught at all.

This distinct kind of teaching is also in the proper approach to the so-called secular studies. All truth, whether found in the sciences or the arts, ought to be studied and taught in their proper relation to God. At this point connection may be made with our lesson passage. The key to the lesson is knowledge, wisdom, character. There is a distinction here. Knowledge is facts discovered in their proper relation to the great Cause of the facts. Apart from this the knowledge is extremely deficient. Wisdom is the proper use of true knowledge to worthy ends. Character may be defined as the proper attitude toward this knowledge and wisdom. This is a broad field for the Christian teacher.

4. This distinctive something is found in a distinct kind of training. Our boys and girls must be trained for leadership in the various activities of our churches. The churches are demanding this of Christian Education. They ought to demand it. If Christian Education can not furnish trained leaders for our churches, it will and ought to be discredited.

Then again, trained Christian leaders must be furnished to the body politic for positions of responsibility. It is through strong Christian men that good laws are made, interpreted and executed. If the governmental positions in Germany for the past hundred years had been filled or partially filled with men of strong Christian character, this war had not been possible.

5. This distinctive something is found finally in the denominational stamp which Christian Education puts upon men and women. Why not? A graduate from a denominational school ought not to go out feeling that "it matters little what church one belongs to." The distinctive denominational stamp must be put upon him or her if the denominational interests are to be preserved.

III. What is the Agency From Which the Christian Factor May Be Expected?

Because of our blood-bought principle of the separation of church and state, we can not legitimately expect the state to enter upon furnishing the above five-fold distinctive something in our education. At the opening of the public schools of a certain city in our state, a well known preacher of that city conducted the devotions of that hour. The next day he received a note from the rabbi asking him not to pray in the name of Jesus Christ

before the school; that it was offensive to his children. The Jew was acting within his rights as a tax-paying citizen of this nation. The state schools are filling a high and important mission in the education of her citizenship but that agency can not furnish the Christian factor. The conclusion needs no proof that the denominational school is the only agency which can furnish this important Christian factor in our education.

The future of the state school is secure in this country. It ought to be. But the future of our Christian schools is not secure because of financial embarrassment. The Baptists of the South must make their schools secure by raising \$15,000,000 in the next five years for endowment and equipment.

#### MRS. FINLEY K. HALL.

At her home in Grenada, Miss., in the early morning of May 14th, 1918, the blessed spirit of our sister, Mrs. Finley K. Hall took its departure for the glorious home above.

She had lingered for many days suffering without complaint, feeling that if it were her heavenly Father's will for her to suffer, why, it was all right. When the final end came it was without a struggle. She simply fell asleep in Jesus and there was left upon her lovely face an expression showing beyond doubt, that just before she left her earthly tabernacle she was permitted to gaze into heaven for a moment and realize it as her eternal home, which caused to be left upon her face this heavenly smile that will be there in the resurrection morning.

She was a devoted mother—untiring in her service to her children and as a neighbor, kind and thoughtful, always ready and willing to render such service as she was able. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church here and had been for many years. The Lord spared her to live seventy-four years and these were filled with deeds of kindness.

In her going we, The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Grenada, Miss., feel that we have lost a faithful member. She was not able to attend the meetings regularly, but was always ready to do what she could and took great pleasure in doing it. We shall miss her—Our loss is her eternal gain, for, for her "to live was Christ and to die was gain."

We extend our deepest sympathy to her devoted children and commend them to Him who is able to comfort and console as no other. We know that when our days here are over we shall meet her in that blessed home where partings and separations never come.

MRS. R. PRESSGROVE,

MRS. J. B. QUIN,

Committee.

#### SIDON.

Evangelist J. B. DeGarmo and Singer D. M. Hughes were with us in a great meeting at Sidon for two weeks, ending June 2nd. There were 31 additions to the church, 15 of them for baptism. The church was greatly revived and strengthened.

God's Spirit was truly with us, and our hearts were made to rejoice and to praise Him for the wonderful blessings which came to us. May His richest blessings be with Bro.

DeGarmo and with Bro. Hughes at Senatobia, and as they go to other places.

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Will you permit me to make myself clear on my definition of the Kingdom, as it seems like Brother J. M. Hutson cannot understand my position. I must say that I am a little surprised at him for I was very clear in my statement, that the Kingdom was used in the sense of the church. Now, Brother isn't that easily understood? It is when a man's argument is unanswerable that a doctor of divinity cannot see what a 10 year old school boy can understand.

The Brother refers me to First Pet. 1:23 "born again by the word of God." Also to John 5th and 1st that "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" and brother said there is no water mentioned. No, Brother, there is not and let me inform you that there is no Kingdom mentioned in those passages either, therefore those passages are foreign to the subject under consideration. The Brother also said that Jesus said My Kingdom is not of this world, but He did not say that His Kingdom was not in the world, for in Mat. 3:2 it says "The Kingdom is at hand," from at hand—ready to enter. Jesus meant that His Kingdom was not of an earthly origin but was of divine origin, therefore, He said it's not of the world.

The brother asked the question, "Can a person be saved outside of the Kingdom of Christ?" Most certainly he can. We are saved by grace if saved at all and not by the church or Kingdom. Now, Brother you only made one reference to the Bible that really has any bearing whatever on the Kingdom and that is Col. 1st and 13th, "Who has delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son." Now I am through considering your references, now, come let us define the Kingdom from a New Testament standpoint. You remember that I said there are two parts in the constitution of the Kingdom; one that is visible and the other part is invisible. The spiritual birth incorporates into the invisible part and baptism into the visible part, and it takes both parts to constitute the Kingdom in full and there are some Scriptures that allude to the visible part and other scripture to the invisible part. Now lets investigate the Kingdom in the above light from a New Testament standpoint and see if the New Testament will sustain such a position.

Now your passage in Col. 1st and 3rd has reference to the invisible part, and Mat. 13th and 47th and 48th "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a net that was cast into the sea and gathered of every kind, which when it was full, they drew to shore and received good into vessels, but cast the bad away." I insist that there is a similarity between the good and bad fish in the net and the good and bad are saved and unsaved in the Kingdom, for Jesus said that the Kingdom was like the net when He said one was like the other; He meant to say there is a similarity. Answer the question, brother and tell me where is the similarity of the idea is not conveyed that the Kingdom catches

the bad materia. like the net gathers the bad fish. Now, does the bad or unsaved get into the Kingdom? Admit that they get in by baptism, therefore your reference to Col. 1st and 13th alludes to the invisible part of which the new birth incorporates and my reference to 13th of Mat. alludes to the visible part of which Baptism incorporates, therefore, it seems like the Bible has it that it requires Baptism to complete the job. I cannot see why Baptists who are always ready to submit to "Thus saith the Lord" can not grasp the idea that the church and Kingdom are one and the same. The brother said that induction into the Kingdom of God is by regeneration or New Birth. If that is true, were not the Ancient saints of Old Testament times in the Kingdom for the Lord had a people and He saved them, just as He does today, and yet they were not in the Kingdom, for Dan. 2nd and 44th predicted of the Kingdom yet to be set up, and when set up it was to consume all other kingdoms and to stand forever and mortal man never proclaimed the good news of the Kingdom being set up until John the Baptist began his mission. Then surely it was set up by Jesus Christ, and if no one can be saved outside of the Kingdom like my good brother would have us believe, why the Kingdom ought and would have been set up four thousand years before it was, so the Lord could save His people who have lived before Christ. Now, Brother if you are coming after me, come with your Bible in hand and answer me from a New Testament standpoint for nothing else will satisfy me.

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### The Meeting's Beginning.

You have observed, haven't you, that some meetings seem to fairly run themselves, while others won't run at all—no matter how strenuously you try to make them? What's the difference? Certainly, there may be several reasons why they are so different. But the probabilities are the main reason lies in this: The former kind were begun right—the latter kind, wrong. As in everything else, so in this matter of revival work—much, very much, depends upon the foundation. For, in its last analysis, a genuine revival is not so much a creation as it is a growth. "As a man soweth, so shall he also reap." "As is the foundation, so shall the super-structure be." "Well begun is half done."

In this article I hope to set forth some rules which should guide us always in the early stages of our meetings. Of course, since all genuine revivals are God's gifts, I realize that it is impossible to lay down any sort of cut and dried rules for anybody to follow in the beginning of the meeting.

Still, if a meeting is to be begun right, there are some few things which we must regard as essential to the future well-being of the revival.

### 1. The Man in the Pulpit Must Be Safe and Sane.

A good sort of man not to have in the meeting is the Brother who is much disposed to boss the pastor, boss the members, and criticise the church.

What all our churches need to accomplish in and through our meetings is not destructive, but constructive work. Therefore, the brother who comes to you to assist in your meetings should have lots and lots of common sense and plenty of religion. If I mistake not the name of the times, the great and ever-crying need of the hour is sane and scriptural evangelism. The high-pressure, clap-trap, sensational brother is no longer needed—nor seldom is he wanted now.

### 2. Put God's Word First.

Here are three passages which ought to be on the walls of every church-building during the revival: Ex. 33:27,—"Thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me."

Isaiah 55:10,—"My word shall not return unto me void."

2 Tim. 4:2,—"Preach the word."

It is certainly a most excellent plan, as I have often seen from observation and realized from experience, to give the people to understand at the very outset of the meeting that there can be no real work of grace unless God's Word is exalted and honored.

Then let the preacher preach the Word—preach it right out at what it says, earnestly, fervently, seriously, faithfully—lovingly. Preach it without apology, without fear, without faltering, without gall, without bitterness, without vinegar.

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### 3. The Holy Spirit.

Make it clear, so that everybody must see it, that the entire situation is wholly dependent upon the Holy Spirit. From the man in the pulpit to the hardest case in the place—all must be energized, acted upon, and made to succeed by the Holy Spirit of God.

Salvation is not by character—it is not a result of culture; it is wholly through Jesus Christ. But we are taught that no man can say that Jesus is the Christ but by the Holy Spirit.

Some one has stated it this way—"A jury may convict me of crimes, conscience may convict me of sins, but no power less than the Holy Spirit can convict me of sin; no barb but His can pierce the root of my nature; no flash but His can show me to myself as a ruined sinner."

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And here and now I am going to state it as emphatically as God will let me: It is impossible to reach men for Christ until God's people are convicted of their responsibility in this matter of bringing the lost to Christ. For, in its last analysis, a Christian who is not actively in the

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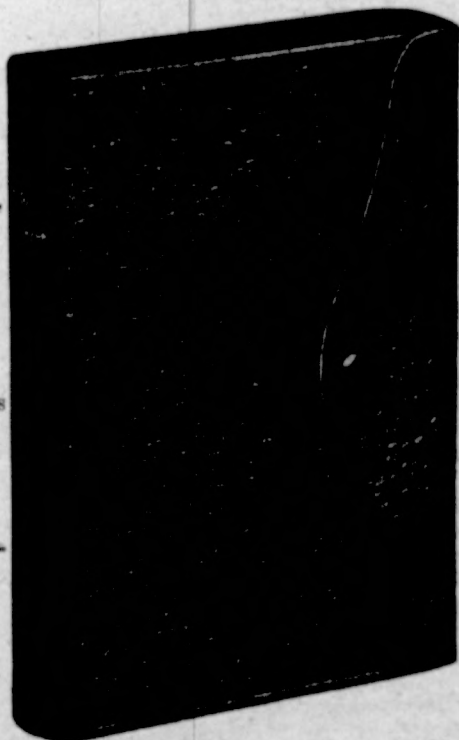
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### 5. Faith.

Faith is the atmosphere in which every good meeting lives and moves and has its being. But faith must be more than an atmosphere—it must be a vital, impelling reality. It must be such a real something that it can not only pray without ceasing,—but also look expectantly to God for a blessing.

Every great revival from Pentecost to this good hour has had its human origin in a faith that prays and expects and works. As a matter of fact, that kind of faith cannot go without its reward.

Dr. Pierson used to say: "All great epochs of spiritual activity have been circles with one centre—Prayer."

They say that when Mr. Neesima of Japan, was planning for a great evangelistic campaign, he said to his fellow-workers: "Advance on your knees."

That's the sum and substance of the whole thing. Certainly we want to make progress in our meetings. That's why we have them. Let us remember, always, that we shall make the best time by beginning and by continuing steadfastly on our knees.

### TWO LETTERS.

Hattiesburg, Miss.

June 7, 1918.

Mr. W. H. Patton,  
Shubuta, Miss.

Dear Brother Patton: I received, several weeks ago, a copy of Brother Bailey's Book, "Prohibition in Mississippi." I did not receive any notice of its coming but it had your address on the cover and I am sure it came from you. The author has been faithful to the facts and the work is a credit to his good sense and industry. However, no work that he or any one else who may write about those times and experiences will ever do you full justice. You gave more time and money and made greater sacrifices than any dozen men in the State in order to free Mississippi from the curse of the saloon. I wish it were possible to produce some thing that would give to the world a correct account of all you did and also present to the present and future generations a faithful and worthy history of the part borne by the noble women of the W. C. T. U., during the dark and stormy period of their greatest activity.

Yours and their record is on high. That is sufficient. Many of us helped "a little" but to do even a little meant a great deal more than it does now. Any man who at that time was out-spoken against the saloons was in danger, continually while you were in constant peril. Our judgment is with the Lord and our work is with our God.

My health is good. I am very busy. The easy time is always ahead. I never get to it. My children are all doing well. "All are members of Baptist churches. Some are in Texas, some in Florida, some in Mississippi, and one in Alabama. They are as good to me as it is possible for them to be. I have a competency and am able to earn a liv-

ing if it was necessary. In fact I am earning more than it costs me to live. My friends are numerous and they are among the best people known to me. I am preaching every Sunday as pastor of Fifth Avenue Church, of this city.

I am greatly distressed about the war situation. Not because the Lord's hand is shortened, that it cannot save or His ear heavy that He cannot hear, but because our sins have separated between us and our God and our iniquities have hid His face that He will not hear.

The last page of "Signs of the Times" looks now more like a prophecy than a statement. I made it eight months before we were in the war and when we had just elected a man as President because he had kept us out of it. Hardly any one thought it possible that we would have men cross the Atlantic to perish on the battle fields of Europe. See, now, where we are at.

Unless our churches assume a different attitude toward our God, than our present one of worldliness and "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God," this war will not end until this world is ruined. Mark it.

It is my intention to go to Heidelberg right soon, and if I can get some one of my friends, there, to run over to "the old town" I will go over and spend a few hours. Of course I will call on you while there.

I am sending you several copies of the booklet. They go with my compliments. Use them as you wish. With sincere regards and best wishes for yourself and family I remain,

Yours cordially and truly,

L. E. HALL.

Shubuta, Miss., June 10, 1918.

Dear Bro. Lipsey:

I am enclosing a personal letter from my ex-pastor and co-worker in the temperance cause on Bible lines. I want to endorse his letter in a late issue of the Record and the latter part of this letter. I pray daily for God's blessings on our brave boys and success for our efforts to give freedom to the world in this world war. If President Wilson would cut out the manufacture and sale of liquor and beer and not derive revenue from the manufacture and sale of a poison that debauches those that drink it at the same time destroying thousands of bushels of food and thousands of tons of coal to manufacture it and transport it to the brewery and then to the drinkers that would hear and answer our prayers.

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